

Page 5, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 14, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 15, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, and 27-31 as follows:

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Claim 1 (*Amended*) Optical device for focusing a laser beam, said device comprising:

- a source of emission of a laser beam;
- a focusing lens [of] upon which the laser beam is directed;
- first means [adapted to select] for selection only a central portion of the laser beam;

[characterised in that] wherein said first means are directly applied on the focusing lens.

Claim 3, line 2, delete "define" and insert --comprises means defining--.

Claim 6, line 2, after "comprises" insert --a--; delete "means made".

Claim 8, line 2, delete "any" and insert --at least--.

Claim 15, line 2, delete "any".